Those present to see him die were the Earls of Cumberland and Hertford, the Lords Bmdon, Darcy, Compton, Lord Thomas Howard, Constable of the Tower, Sir John Peyton, the Lieutenant, with 15 or 16 partizans of the Guard, the three divines, Doctor Mountford, Barlow and Ashton, together with about a hundred others, knights, gentlemen and aldermen Sir Walter Ralegh also was present, as he said to make answer if anything should be objected against him by the Earl, but others, believing that he came to feed his eyes with a sight of the Earl's blood, admonished him not to press upon the Earl at his death He therefore withdrew himself, and looked on from out the Armoury

Being come to the scaffold, which was three yards square and railed round in the high court above Caesar's Tower, he first turned himself to the divines and said, 'O God be merciful unto me the most wretched creature on the earth?' Then turning himself towards the noblemen that sat on a form placed before the scaffold, he vailed his hat and, making reverence to the Lords, laid it aside Then he said

[c] My Lords, and you my Christian brethren, who are to be witnesses of this my just punishment, I confess to the glory of God that I am a most wretched sinner, and that my sins are more in number than the hairs of my head, that I have bestowed my youth in pride, lust, uncleanness, vain glory, and divers other sins according to the fashion of this world, wherein I have offended most grievously my God, and notwithstanding divers good motions inspired unto me from the Spirit of God, the good which I would I have not done, and the evil which I would not I have done, for all which I humbly

beseech our Saviour Christ to be the Mediator unto the Eternal Majesty for my pardon , especially for this my last sin, this great, this bloody, this crying, and this infectious sin, whereby so many for love of me have ventured their lives and souls, and have been drawn to offend God, to offend their sovereign, and to offend the world, which is so great a grief unto me as may be'

He went on to pray for forgiveness, and for God's blessing upon the Queen, and the nobles and ministers of the Church and State, beseeching them and the world to have a charitable